

LOCAL NEWS.

Harry Gaither, Luther Beech and Mr. Danley, sheepmen from the Plains were in town Tuesday.

The Reynolds Bros., sheepmen from the Plains loaded a big supply wagon at Joyce-Pruit's Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Emmett Polk rejoice in the advent of a nine pound boy, who arrived last Wednesday morning.

Rev. B. M. Shive, of Joplin, Missouri, will preach at the Presbyterian church Sunday morning at eleven o'clock.

Yancy Kemp was in from his ranch Monday to take his little boy, who has been attending the Sister's School, home for the summer vacation.

Mr. and Mrs. C. H. McLennan are expected home next week via Galveston, having taken a trip along the Hudson and Atlantic coast.

Mr. Ball, of Florence finished cutting eight acres of alfalfa last Friday, the second cutting for this season that yielded sixteen tons or two tons per acre.

Walker Bush, one of the earliest residents here was a visitor Tuesday and Wednesday. Walker is a traveling man now selling goods for an eastern house.

There are one thousand acre feet of water in Lake Avalon caught from the recent rains. This measurement was taken on Tuesday when the water ceased rising.

Jeff Still, of Kemp, Kaufman county and Mr. Greibbs came in the 14th, on the north bound train and left the 15th for El Paso county to close up a deal for the Charles Markley light sections in El Paso county Texas.

B. E. Stoutemyer, the legal adviser for the reclamation service of the Carlsbad and Hondo projects, returned Monday from his vacation of a month and an extended trip on the Pacific coast.

Horace James and Mrs. Alice Austin were married Wednesday at the home of Mr. James by Judge Cunningham and they have commenced house keeping in the residence on Main street recently vacated by A. S. Wilson.

T. J. Stokes, of Lamar, Missouri, who resided here for some years, leaving in 1905 returned Monday to look over his old haunts and to visit for a time with his son-in-law and daughter Mr. and Mrs. L. Ryan and his grand children.

The new altar for St Edward's donated by J. H. James arrived last Saturday and was put in place Monday. The altar is probably the finest in New Mexico and will endure always. The dedication will occur at 10 o'clock next Sunday.

R. G. Hardgrave, of the Sherwood & Hardgrave real estate firm, of Tucumcari, New Mexico, was in town Tuesday the guest of Mr. J. E. Rackley. Mr. Hardgrave says Tucumcari has grown in the last year to double its former size and now contains about 4000 people.

Dan Sullivan, the man who got his eye shot out, by a man named Weddell near Dayton, last fall, was in town Monday. Mr. Sullivan recently returned from an extended trip through Nebraska, Kansas and Iowa in the interest of his real estate business at Artesia.

The T X Pool were busy dipping 650 2's and 3's yesterday, preparatory to shipping. The steers are all in fine condition, sleek and smooth, but the dipping process must go on just the same. No doubt some of the owners who know the steers have no sign of mange or itch would like to put the man responsible for the order to dip, in the vat with the steers.

H. W. Hawkinson, of Springfield, Illinois, purchased the Demorest forty south of Carlsbad about five miles, being the southwest forty of the old Rodgers section. The deal was made through the Knoblauch Land Co., one of the most progressive real estate firms in the valley. Mr. Hawkinson will drill a deep well to good water, build a fine residence and set the tract in fruit and alfalfa. This is one of the most desirable tracts in the valley and even in its present condition brought a good figure, \$2,500. After it is improved the way the present owner contemplates \$400 per acre will be a reasonable price. Parties wishing to sell will do well to see the Knoblauch Land Co.

Allen C. Heard returned Monday evening from a trip to Mexico, going to Chihuahua, thence to San Luis, Obispo and Tampico. He prospected for some two or three weeks looking for a suitable ranch, but comes back thoroughly convinced there is nothing in Mexico he cares for and that the United States is good enough for him. Mrs. Heard and daughters returned last week from their El Paso visit.

Another destructive fire visited Portales last week Wednesday destroying the Portales Herald owned by E. A. Priest & Son, Ed J. Neer drug store, J. J. Wilsford skating rink and contents loss was \$15,000 with only \$3,000 insurance. Drs. Patterson and Vandever lost \$600 in instruments etc.

W. G. McArthur was in Monday from Monument. He says the people on the plains in the eastern portion of the county are very indignant that the mail route should be abolished between here and Monument and petitions are being numerously signed to have the route established to Knowles.

E. T. Carter, of the Farmers Land League has sold to Dr. Harry Irwin, of Encampment, Wyoming, eighty acres of the John Nymeyer farm near Florence. Dr. Irwin will move on his farm in the near future and make extensive improvements. He will also practice medicine in the Florence district.

M. C. Stewart, who was reappointed mounted police July 1st, by Governor Curry, was out at Monument last week during which time Jack Marrin gave up and furnished bond in the case wherein he is charged with a gun play and a hold up of McArthur at Monument last season.

A petition to Governor Curry to pardon John McAninch from the pen was circulated this week and numerously signed in Carlsbad. Mac was sent up a year or more ago for wife beating and his time has nearly expired and the pardon is to save his citizenship.

Pedro Etcheverry yesterday closed a deal with Bajac & Brice for the B. M. Mitchell sheep about 3700 head. The sheep are out on the Plains about seventy miles east of Carlsbad. The price is said to be \$2.25 for ewes and \$1.50 for lambs.

Elder C. C. Hill, of Roswell will fill his regular appointment at the Christian church in this city next Sunday. Subject for 11 a. m., "The Way of Least Resistance." Evening at the union service, "The Name that is Above Every Name."

F. G. Tracy has commenced picking peaches in his La Huerta orchard the first shipment being made on Tuesday. Mr. Tracy has an excellent crop and the fruit is of fine size and quality.

Cotton Prospects.

The prospects are very bright for a fine cotton crop under the Carlsbad project. F. G. Tracy, who has been practically all over the valley looking at the crop, says that the most of it, even that struck by the hail a few weeks ago, is looking well. According to the figures of Super-

intendent of Water Service Foster, the cotton acreage under the project this year will be something over 1700 acres. There are about 300 acres of cotton on the Hagerman farm which will bring the total acreage to over 2000. Allowing the bad stands and all damage Carlsbad should produce, at a most conservative estimate, 1,500 bales of cotton this year.

Who wants 40 acres improved land near town, fine for dairying truck farming, bees or chickens, at a bargain or will trade. Holloway Land Co.

Birds of the Valley.

EDITOR CURRENT:

Knowing your interest in everything pertaining to the Pecos Valley and thinking others might find the following of interest, I am enclosing a list of birds to be found in the immediate vicinity of Carlsbad.

I am convinced that this list is not exhaustive, for my pursuit of the subject has not been extensive.

Most of these specimens have been observed from my front gallery. It would be interesting to know just how long this list could be made by a real ornithologist with all the strength and time necessary to follow the work to a finish.

The list follows:

Mocking bird, meadow lark, turtle dove, song sparrow, blue quail, scillet tanager, western blue grossbeak, bullock oriole, wild canary, yellow hammer, swallow, ash throated fly catcher, Arizona fly catcher, Mexican fly catcher, western lark sparrow, "poor will" (Chuck Will's Widow), cardinal, chaparral creek, black phoebe, raven, black bird, more than one specimen, western chipping sparrow, butcher bird, wild duck, several varieties sand hill cranes, brant, heron, more than one variety, divers, king fisher, waders, more than one variety, gulls, killdeer, owls, 4 to 6 specimens, hawks, 4 to 6 specimens, buzzard, English sparrow, Mexican black eagle, rain crow, bob white and Mexican oriole.

P. S.—I have not given the scientific names of these birds, as I thought they would be better understood and appreciated in plain English.

Very sincerely,
C. L. Hoffmann.

What have you to trade for East Texas farms?
Holloway Land Co.

For Sale: Four room house, one year old. Very cheap if sold in the next few days. Good locality and large lot.
Knoblauch Land Co.

Jim Simpson returned Tuesday night from South Dakota, having been absent for nearly four weeks with a train load of steers. He reports a very successful trip without loss of a single steer.

Married.

Mr. Miles Thomas Stone and Miss Flora Louise Clark were married in Denver July 8, at the home of the sister of the bride, Mrs. Duncan Walcott Miller. The happy couple returned to Carlsbad Monday of this week and are now residing at the pleasant home of the groom south of town where he is the owner of a large ranch.

We have customers who want to borrow money on first mortgage lands. If you have money to loan on good real estate, see the Holloway Land Company, Carlsbad, N. M.

Knowles

The breaking up of the drouth is hailed with a shout. The country is as green as a wheat field.

The barbecue, given by the candidates was a success in every particular especially in the number of votes polled.

The game of ball Friday afternoon between Oasis and Needmore resulted in favor of the latter.

The game on Saturday morning between Needmore and Seminole was a good one. Needmore again winning. Score was 5 to 7.

The prettiest game was Saturday afternoon when Seminole and Oasis crossed bats. Both sides played to a finish. The score was 4 to 6 in favor of Oasis.

The horsemen were not content unless they had a hand, so a track was hastily dragged down. Several races were matched.

John Townsend, Jack Davis and Dow Woods were winners of the day.

The ball Friday night was highly enjoyed and was not called off until the "wee sma' hours." After breakfast the mazy whirl began again and continued until midnight. All departed wishing that it might be so that each and every candidate might be successful.

Our town is slowly but surely growing. We now have four mercantile houses, two blacksmith shops, a millinery department and a hotel. A drug store will soon be doing business and Dr. Dearduff, of Monument will take up his residence here.

Mrs. N. E. Thurmond has been appointed postmistress and the office will be moved into Toole and Heard's store.

The glorious 4th was spent away from home, some going to Lovington, some to Midway and others to Seminole.

Our team played against Seminole. To say our boys were treated in an unfriendly manner is putting it lightly. Conversation was overheard between boys of the Needmore and Seminole teams, saying that by fair means or foul, Knowles must be "snowed." By the unfair decisions of the umpire (selected from Needmore's team) they accomplished what they set out to do. Not a drop of water was furnished during the nine innings, tho' the boys called time and again for a drink. It was clearly shown a slight and slur was intended, for in the afternoon game between Seminole and Needmore lemonade and soda pop were freely served. With all the dogged determination to down Knowles, our boys played a good game. Score 6 to 9.

A newspaper is an assured possibility. The press has been ordered.

After July 27th; the Knowles mail will come three times a week via Seminole, shutting the route the route off from Monument. Fully five hundred call for their mail at this place.

Cards are out announcing the marriage of Sallie Gray Buchanan, of Snyder, to Top Heard., also Miss Alice Graham to Nat Houston. The many friends of these young people wish for them all the best in life.

Mr. and Mrs. MacArthur of Monument have been camping

with Mrs. Thurmond.

Mrs. Klebold and Mrs. L. Vejoy, of Ft. Worth, are visiting their son and brother, Ed. Klebold.

Mr. and Mrs. P. Holebeke are visiting in El Paso.

Mr. and Mrs. Biffle have gone to Barstow.

Carl Aycock, of Orla, Texas, spent several days visiting his mother.

About the middle of August, Knowles will "do herself proud" in the way of an all around picnic—particulars later.

Mrs. Thomas, of Big Springs is visiting her sister, Mrs. Ben Warren.

Fred Robison has a job in S. Dakota and writes a glowing account of that country.

At Seminole, the 4th, Mrs. Jack Heard, in ascending the hotel stairway stumbled and let her 6 months old babe fall. The little one was severely hurt about the head.

Garfield to be Here August 8.

The following which explains itself was received last Monday: Pecos Water Users' Association, Carlsbad, N. M. Gentlemen:

A copy of the proposed itinerary of Secretary Garfield was sent to you on June 10th. We were notified by wire this morning that the program has been sent forward two weeks, his party having arrived in Portland on the ninth instead of the 23rd.

Very truly yours,
C. J. BLANCHARD,
Statistician.

This will bring the secretary here August 8-9-10 instead of the 22-23-24 as scheduled in the first place.

HOW TO MAKE GOOD ROADS.

Suggestions by State Engineer Cooley of Minnesota.

State Engineer George W. Cooley of Minnesota, who recently discussed macadam roads with the members of the road and bridge committee of the county board, also discussed the specifications for Ramsey county road work and gave the members of the committee many valuable suggestions. Mr. Cooley spoke of the growing popularity of macadam roads in the eastern states, where the best roads that money can procure are demanded. His opinion was that a good earth road is the best that can be had, but they are hard to keep in repair, whereas macadam roads may be built to last. Scientific methods should be adopted, and specifications must be carried out to the letter.

In building a macadam road the foundation is the main thing. The voids in the crushed limestone foundation should be tightly filled with gravel instead of clay, which is sometimes used. A very little clay may be used, but for filling purposes gravel is much more satisfactory. There should be no shoulder on the side of the road, but the macadam should be gradually feathered off to the edge, and made water tight. The material used for a filler should be applied before the road is raised. On top of a foundation of four inches of crushed limestone on top of a bed of pit gravel. Wash the gravel in with a street sprinkler, and then roll. The next layer should consist of three inches of similar hard stone treated in the same way and then a layer of pit gravel feathered off to the edge.

Mr. Cooley said all the materials should be specified and nothing left to the choice of the contractor. Even the gravel pit should be designated. The contract should be so worded that in the event that the gravel pit designated failed to pan out well all the way through the contractor can be required to go elsewhere for this supply upon making an equitable adjustment with him. Such an arrangement would be far more economical than to permit the contractor to go on with unsatisfactory materials. In this way the board could control the sources of supply and nothing would be left to the whim of the contractor.

Mr. Cooley also went into the question of maintenance of roads, which he considered quite as important as construction. The contractor, he said, should be required to keep a man on the road for two weeks after its completion to look out for defects.